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**Subject:** Re: cancelling tomorrow's monthly call but.... (please read)

Interesting --- thanks! Will pass that info along in case folks want to see it...

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Date: 10/24/2012 02:09PM

Subject: Re: cancelling tomorrow's monthly call but.... (please read)

Carrie,

Last night "60 Minutes on MSNBC" had a segment on hydraulic fracturing and talked about EPA and the situation going on in Dimock PA. I think one of the most interesting parts of this show (apart from the homeowner filling up a 5-gallon jug with water from his abandoned well and lighting it with a match) was a response by an owner of a gas drilling company to a question by 60 minutes reporter, Leslie Stahl. She had made the comment that fracking fluid was full of "nasty stuff."

The owner a little bent out of shape, challenged the reporter on the use of the phrase "nasty stuff" asked her to define it and then backed off when the Leslie stated that what she meant was that the chemicals caused liver damage and had other adverse effects on the human body. After she said this, the owner stated that you wouldn't want to drink fracking fluid then explained groundwater that is typically used for drinking water is located 1,000 feet or less the surface and stated that fracking was conducted at 5,000 feet or greater so that no contamination could occur (ignoring improperly constructed well-casings or other mishandling of the fluids, etc.).

I don't know if the 60 minutes program is available OnDemand, but it was an interesting show to watch. It even showed piping from a tank system that was part of an exploration well, leaking oil onto the ground.

Ken

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